



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

January 29, 2008

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO THE CITIES OF CARSON, COMPTON, CULVER
CITY, GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, INGLEWOOD, LAWDALE AND LYNWOOD AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS
(SECOND DISTRICT - 3 VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons cited herein.
2. Allocate Cities Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District in the amount of \$250,000 each to the cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale and Lynwood for a total of \$2,000,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the eight cities above when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$2,000,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District in the amount of \$250,000 each to the cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Lynwood for projects within each city. The funds may be used for capital outlay projects consistent with the purposes of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (1992 and 1996 Propositions) for grants within the County of Los Angeles for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation or restoration of real property for parks, trails, wildlife habitat or natural lands. The funds will be available to fund new grant projects or may be used to supplement ongoing grant projects.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the 1992 and 1996 Propositions encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The eight cities have met this requirement.

Finally, it is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grants to the eight cities when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being), and Goal No. 6 (Community Services), by allocating Excess Funds for projects to enhance recreational opportunities in the Cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Lynwood in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$2,000,000 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will enhance recreational opportunities in the Cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Lynwood in the Second Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The Cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Lynwood are the lead agencies for their respective projects.

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments at this time to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel